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(1944)

From: MEXICO CITY

To: MOSCOW

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24th June 1944

To VIKTOR[i].

Further to No. 233[a].

"KURD"[ii] worked for 25 years in the Ministry of the Colonies and was closely associated with MANDEL[iii] who is known to you. He spent many years in administrative colonial bodies in the Near East. After the liberation of SYRIA from the control of VICHY and the establishment of a de GAULLE centre there, KURD was appointed Director of the "Sûreté Générale". [D% He]

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the Syrian Government, the leaders of which KURD arrested on the instructions of de GAULLE. After the conflict had been brought to a conclusion KURD, in order to satisfy the Syrians, was removed from this post.

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Note: [a] MEXICO CITY's No. 524 of 22nd June 1944 (3/NBF/T667).

Comments: [i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.

[ii] KURD: Marcel GAUTIER, Director of the Sûreté Générale in SYRIA and LEBANON 1941-1943. Commercial Counsellor with the French Mission in MEXICO in 1944 (see 3/NBF/T667) and at the French Embassy in MEXICO in 1946.

[iii] MANDEL: Georges MANDEL, formerly Jeroboam ROTHSCHILD (1885-1943). French politician, Minister of the Colonies (1938).

[iv] YuRIJ: Lev. A TARASOV, First Secretary at the Soviet Embassy in MEXICO.

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